

August 1

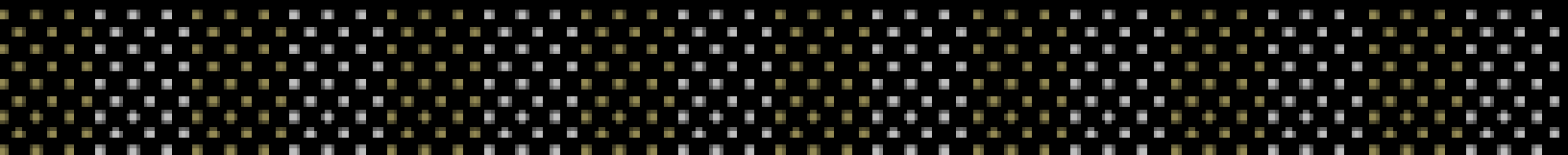
Romans 12:1, 2

Unconformed



¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

² And be not conformed to **this world**: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



What is meant by “sacrifice”?

Anti-self.

To subdue self
interests and
fleshly desires.

To sacrifice
is to resist
self-promotion.

**By what means
does one present
one's body “a
living sacrifice”?
How?**

“By the mercies
of God”.

The way to present
the body as a living
sacrifice is to depend
on God's mercy
rather than on

one's own
strengths.

**What are the
characteristics
of a body that
is “a living
sacrifice”?**

Fruit of the Spirit vs.
Works of the Flesh.

This is how to know if one is presenting one's body a living sacrifice. One can tell by checking to see if one's life more closely resembles "the fruit of the spirit" or instead "the works of the flesh" as described in Galatians 5.

**Born into “this
world” and
being saturated
by its tenets, how
does one avoid
being conformed
to this world and
instead becoming
“transformed by
the renewing”
of one’s mind?**

**How is it possible
to get and stay clean
when we slide right
out of the birth
canal into a sin pit
called life on earth?**

Biblically speaking,
to become unstained
from this world, one
would intentionally
saturate oneself in
God—through

Scripture and through
God's holy Spirit.
One would decidedly
separate oneself from
the lusts of this world.

Emotionally and
spiritually detached
from this world's
ideologies, pleasures,
and pursuits, one is
then able to submit
to the holy God's

spiritual environment.

At that stage, the
mind can begin to
be retrained and,
therefore,
transformed.

It is only when God
purifies the mind
can one “prove”
or exemplify what
is “that good”,

“acceptable”, and
“perfect will
of God”.

When one is
surrounded by and
infested with filth,
one cannot discern
well enough to
determine what is
clean. You can't show
what you don't know.

So, when God
transforms the mind,
the change will be
made known; it will
be shown.

Choosing to present
one's body as a
living sacrifice is
an ongoing act
of faith.

It is a chance

to honor God
by taking steps,
from one's best
understanding,
to mentally get
out of “this world”
in a biblical
and holy way.



🎵 There is an
excellent
accompanying
song for Romans
12:1, 2 by a 1980's
group called
Charisma.

Their song,
“Romans 12” is,
unfortunately,
very difficult to
find online.
Nonetheless,

Charisma's 1986
album called
"Time" may be
purchased on a
few sites. Unlike
far too many gospel
songs of today's
times, the lyrics
are very scriptural
and the voices are
beautifully
harmonic.

It can be great
to listen to
such godly music
while meditating
on being
transformed and
unconformed to
this world.